Training programmes in NSM By Registered Societies

2970. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that certain registered societies are running training programmes in Naturopathy System of Medicine in the country and on qualifying such training programmes, a large number of Naturopathy Doctors and Institutions/Organisations are functioning/practicing in the country;

(b) if so, the number of such registered institutions/organizations functioning for such treatment, State-wise;

(c) how many are recognized by Government for treatment of Central Government employees out of such registered institutions; and

(d) the conditions for recognition of a doctor/institution/ organisation practicing in Naturopathy under Indian System of Medicine?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Six institutions are running 5 years of 5 *V2* year Degree course and are affiliated to the Universities. A number of other institutions are conducting course of smaller duration. The Central Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy, New Delhi is assisting 19 Non-Govemment Organisations for conducting Diploma course.

(c) The Department of Health have recognised 3 Naturopathy institutions under Central Government Health Scheme for treatment through Naturopathy.

(d) There is no statutory council at central level to register Naturopathy practitioners. Some States have evolved their own registration procedures.